



# Edgar Allen Poe

## *A Life of Tragedy and Mystery*

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1. What year was Edgar Allen Poe born?
2. Why does the author call Poe, “The orphaned Poe,” in the second paragraph?
3. Who did Poe go to live with?
4. At approximately how old was Poe when he first became a published author?
5. How would you describe Poe’s relationship with his foster father? Give evidence to support your answer.
6. What event caused a temporary reconciliation between Poe and John Allen?
7. What word would you use to describe Poe’s experience at West Point? Explain your answer.
8. When did Poe have his big break? What was it?
9. Why did Poe’s marriage, “occasioned some gossip?”

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

10. In 1842, what tragedy occurred? How did Poe react?

11. What can a reader infer were Poe's two greatest loves? Explain your thinking and support your answer with evidence from the text.